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children are accepted in the family to keep the daughter-in-law home better, say the T'ou-jen, and to avoid a second escapade. Then, if later one wants to get rid of them, one will send the boys to the lamasery to devote themselves to the service of Buddha; as for the girls, they will be given in marriage. I confess I have not met polyandry among the T'ou-jen.

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548 Likewise, prostitution in the strict sense of the word is not known. Although there are the series of prayer-post wives and belt-wives, they cannot be classed in this category. Indeed, they consider themselves as being married, and they are considered as such, and furthermore they hardly ply the trade of prostitutes. (1)

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[548] 1. Shirokogoroff, op. cit., p. 152:
Prostitution as a social phenomenon
among the Manchus is unknown.
/Cited in English./

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793 Celibacy is practiced solely by the lamas of the yellow sect, and the T'ou-jen furnish a sizable contingent to this religious body. They are the only bachelors among the T'ou-jen. There is no lamasery for women in the country; all the women without exception practice marriage under one or the other of the forms we have described above. It happens at the very most that one meets widows or women of advanced age who shave their heads and devote themselves especially to prayer while staying at home.

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Chapter VI

The Matrilachate

005 Summary: -- A. Present-day patriarchal state. System of the large family. B. Former matrilachate proved by: (1) Double burial.
(2) The relations of the maternal uncle with the family of his sister